

The Alexandria Gazette.

VOLUME LXIV.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17, 1863.

NUMBER 4.

PUBLISHED (DAILY) BY
EDGAR SNOWDEN, JR.
OFFICE—No. 104 King street, over
Lone's, (formerly French's) Book Store.

FROM ROSECRANS'S ARMY.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 16.—Yesterday morning a party of the Second Minnesota regiment, Steadman's brigade, camped near Nolinsville, had a severe skirmish with two companies of Forrest's command. The Federal troops killed five and wounded five; the later were taken prisoners. The remainder of the Confederates escaped.

An immense quantity of coal has arrived; five barges loaded for the Government.

The railroad to Franklin will be opened this week. Only one bridge is said to be destroyed. Immense supplies are constantly being forwarded to the army. The railroad is heavily guarded along the entire distance to Murfreesboro. There is daily skirmishing between the pickets.

The river is twelve feet on shoals, and is rising slowly. The cars on the Louisville and Nashville railroad are running regularly on time.

U. S. CONGRESS.—The Senate was engaged yesterday, without coming to a final vote, on the bill providing for enrolling and calling out the militia of the United States. Various amendments to the bill were agreed to. In the House of Representatives, by general consent, Mr. Speaker Grow was permitted to make a personal explanation in reference to certain charges of having constituted the committees of the House to the disadvantage of the Northwest. He disclaimed any sectional feeling or unfair action in the premises. A resolution was passed providing for evening sessions of the House. The discussion of the Louisiana election cases was then resumed.

Important Measure.

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

The bill for the enrollment of the whole people of the United States, for "the purpose of crushing the rebellion," reported from the Committee on Military affairs in the Senate, and passed, by an unanimous vote, last night, is one of the most comprehensive and searching measures of the times. The Senate refused to exempt members of Congress, and this example was followed as to other official classes, and to non-combatants generally. Senator Davis, of Kentucky, said, "Let those who look to be exempted be made to fight, to pay, or to emigrate."

"How tediously long you are over that sermon?" said the parson's lady to her husband on his not attending to the dinner-bell. "I could write one in half the time, if I only had the text." "Oh, if that is all you want," said the parson, "I will furnish that. Take this text from Solomon: 'It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house.'" "Do you mean me sir!" inquired the lady, quickly. "Oh, my good friend," was the grave response, "you will not make a good sermonizer, you are too soon in your applications."

To-morrow is Ash Wednesday, the commencement of the season of Lent.

The Richmond papers record the death of Alexander Galt, the young Virginia sculptor. His full length figure of Jefferson, at the University of Virginia, won for him very high honor, and will preserve his fame. His latest work was a bas-relief in plaster of Stonewall Jackson, which is in the possession of the Hon. A. R. Boteler. Mr. Galt died of the small-pox.

The funeral of Major Wheat, of the Louisiana battalion, who fell in the battle of Gaines' Mills, took place at Memphis on the 30th ult. from Monumental church. The cortege proceeded to Hollywood Cemetery, where the remains were deposited. The funeral was largely attended by soldiers and citizens.

It is stated that the preliminaries of a second "international prize fight" have been arranged in England, between the representative champion of America, John C. Heenan, and another antagonist, who at present rejoices in the now fashionable cognomen of the "Unknown," for the sum of \$5,000 aside.

William Roupell, ex-member of the British Parliament, who was some time since convicted of enormous forgeries, is still an inmate of the Model Prison at Pentonville, where he is employed in picking oakum. He continues to show the utmost indifference.

The New York Tribune of yesterday states that a squadron of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry were surprised at Annandale, Va., on Saturday night, by a superior force of Confederates. In the skirmish, the Federals, it is stated, were forced to give way, with a loss of fifteen killed and missing, and a few wounded.

The Northern Central Railroad has become the owner of the Shamokin Valley and Pottsville Railroad, having taken a lease for a period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years.

The property of the late Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, is estimated at fifteen millions of dollars, mostly landed estate. Mr. Longworth never held office, and would never consent to be a candidate for any political station.

The Republican committees have completed their canvass in New Hampshire, says the Providence (R. I.) Journal. They estimate that the vote will stand for Gilmore, 55,036; for Eastman, 32,172—Republican majority 3,864.

The New York World says: "The recent town elections in this State show immense conservative gains over the vote of last fall. From these indications we judge that were an election for governor to take place next week a Democrat would be chosen by at least 100,000 majority." The vote in New Hampshire and Connecticut will, however, tell its own story.

Karl Blind has addressed an appeal to the Germans in America, exhorting them to support the Union and extinguish slavery.

The assertion that Governor Curtin is concerned in arrangements for framing a new party, is without foundation. During his visit to Washington he had no conversation with Mr. Seward or any other person on such a subject.

Chicago is troubled with rats. The Post says they swarm multitudinously under all the sidewalks, along the wharves, in the cellars and warehouses. They whisk and dart away by hundreds before the belated pedestrian at night; they are horribly on the increase.

Among the new companies (says the London Athenæum) one of a curious nature is talked of. The object is to construct a gigantic reflecting telescope of far greater dimensions than Lord Rosse's celebrated six-foot reflector, with which it is expected wonderful planetary sights will be revealed.

Gen. Burnside, refuses to receive the emoluments of a Major General unless he performs the duties. He has offered to resume the command of his old corps, under Hooker, which he left to assume the direction of the whole Army of the Potomac, that Hooker now commands.

A newspaper known as The Inquirer, has, for some time, given offence to the Union citizens of Leavenworth by its course, and threats were made of destroying the materials with which it was printed. The proprietor took the precaution to arm a number of his friends and station them about the office, who it is said fired upon a citizen. A large number of shots were fired, and other citizens, as well as the one aimed at, narrowly escaped being hit. The next day a crowd assembled, when Jennison arrived, and mounting a box, he exclaimed:—"Yesterday, this establishment was a printing office, and I proposed to protect it; this morning it is a Rebel fort, and I propose to gut it." With this the crowd rushed in and utterly demolished everything the establishment contained, and then burnt the fragments.

Mr. Foote, of Tenn., has offered in the Confederate House of Representatives, resolutions directing the recall of all diplomatic agents to such foreign powers as shall not recognize the Confederacy by the 1st of May, directing that the consular agents of such powers shall not exercise their offices in Southern ports after the day named; and approving the course of the Emperor of the French in proposing a settlement of difficulties of hoping that his efforts "may soon eventuate in the establishment of relations between his government and that of the Confederate States of America, of close commercial amity and enduring concord."

The officers commanding the blockading fleet off Charleston during the recent raid of the Confederate iron-clad gunboats, have furnished the U. S. Navy Department with a formal denial of the report that the fleet was driven off and the blockade raised.

Among the reinforcements lately sent to Gen. Rosecrans' army was Cox's division from Western Virginia, also a large force from Gen. Wright's department in Kentucky, and several regiments from camps of instruction in Indiana and Ohio.

The burnt district in Troy has been rapidly improved during the past eight months. About two hundred and forty buildings have been erected there at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000.